



ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas # 3-071 to 3-073, 3-076 to 3-078, 3-084, 3-087 and 3-088

Lewis's Woodpecker - Kamloops Forest District

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 10(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 582/04).

The Deputy Minister of Environment orders that:

1. the wildlife habitat areas shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (3-071 to 3-073, 3-087, 3-088; 3-076 to 3-078; 3-084) and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc* are established;
2. the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc* are established for Lewis's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*);
3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha_bc*;
4. for the purposes of section 2(3)(a) of the *Government Actions Regulation*, these General Wildlife Measures apply to minor tenures; and
5. where there is discrepancy between the wildlife habitat area boundaries as shown in the attached Schedule As and the GIS file *twha_bc*, the boundaries as detailed in the GIS file will take precedent. The centre point of the line on the map denoting the wildlife habitat area is what establishes the boundary.

Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

Access

- Do not construct roads unless there is no other practicable option.

Harvesting and silviculture

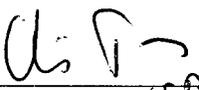
- Do not harvest or salvage mature timber. When harvesting is approved, follow the measures outlined below:
- Protect and retain all ponderosa pine and black cottonwood live and dead trees ≥ 30 cm dbh for nesting, perching, and foraging.
- Maintain at least six standing dead trees per ha. Where it is not possible to retain six ≥ 45 cm, use the largest available. The highest practical density of snags is preferred. Hazardous snags or trees can be incorporated into group reserves (plan as no-work zones if appropriate); otherwise maintain snags within the operational setting as described in the *Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessor's Course Workbook*. Use partial cutting silvicultural systems to maintain widely spaced (<25% canopy cover) late seral ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir.
- Topping large diameter snags may be appropriate in areas where standing dead trees are few.
- Additional potential nest sites in intensely managed stands may be provided by leaving some high-cut (5 m in height) stumps of large (≥ 45 cm dbh) ponderosa pine or black cottonwood.

Pesticides

- Do not use pesticides. An exemption is not required for the treatment of noxious weeds and invasive plants provided that the herbicide is applied:
 - by selective application;
 - in a manner that does not result in drift to non-target species; and
 - in a manner consistent with the Integrated Pest Management Act.

Range

- Limit browse utilization by livestock to no more than 10%.


Signed this 18th day of Sept, 2007
Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment